Dear Clay,, 9/16/98

Before I get to the favor I'm going to ask, I attach a stipulation: that you let me repay the costs. And an explanation of the need for it, of which probably more later. I'm not up to that now and I'll ask Jerry to E-mail this, which will be faster and if it comes when you are not home, unlike a phone call it will reach you as soon as you are home.

This morning I took the Twyman/Fetzer manuscript to a place less that a 1/4 hour away. I was first and they did it promptly, in a half hour. They put both sets of as I recall 587 pages in a plastic bag and I added the book I was reading and as soon as I picked it up and let it hang from my hand it felt heavy to me. It was less that 100 feet to the car. When I was home it was less than 35 feet into the house and to where I could lay it down. I knew immediately that it had been too much for me, little as it was, but I did make and mail the original of those two to you. Then I drove Lil to p.t., and I felt that it would be unsafe for me and so I postponed that two days. And at about 9 a.m. I fell asleep sitting up waiting for them to call Lil.

That is why I do not want to take Posner to be copied for the copy I need, why I'm asking you to make it and Priority Mail it as soon as you can, because the once close friend to whom I want to get a copy says he'll read it and see if he knows a publisher who could get interested. He is Richard Gallen, 260 Fifth Avenue. New York City 10001 For special reasons please use my return address, not your's.

Thursday: Jerry came at this point, we got started on other things, including his driving me on an errand,,during which we talked about some of the things he had come for and with this in the back of my mind, without setting out to rethink it, I decided against e-mail on the fear it might be misunderstood. I have only a few minutes before I leave for my walking and shopping and not long after I'm home, perhaps only a little while after I skim the papers, which is all I do now, I have to leave for the garage and a possible repair, the time learning that takes plus the time for greaing ond oil ch ange at te least, so I may not be able to compelete and mail this then.

In an effort to make the special problem comprehensible, I go back to the old saying about walking in the other brave's maccassins. Unless one has lived with my problems and my age they may not be easy to understand. With the best of intentions but without the right moccassins, I can't use the nicer printout for several reasons. One is that my busy friend, a lawyer, will look at that bulk and get turned off because of the impression he will have of the time it will take to read it. Another is that I can't take it and got a copy made without

at the least twice as much time. Another is that McNight and others just do not have the xtra space. Jerry has been talking about running out of space for some time as he adds to the great volume he had for th books on which he is working And perhaps most of all, any publisher looking at the bulk of that manuscript will usually reject it immediately and on that basis alone.

It is almost time to leave. So, on that basis alone, I'm going to get a copy made of the manuscript copy that has the corrections indicated, before you made them. I can's find the corrected, retyped one, if there was one. What I need is the size you have been doing, regardless of any font problems. Just an ordinary, double-scapce prinout One that will fit in an ordinary stationary box which are carce as hen's teeth hereabouts.

I will still want one in that size for my own overflowing files and I think one to send to Richard in the event he thinks he can interest a publisher, One without all the corrections showing. I'll write and tell him that will be coming.

These are problems you had no reason to be aware of but they are, alas, real.

The clean copy would be for him to show any publisher he approaches.

I do appreciate, very much, all that you are doing and I regret that this extra effort did not work out as you had in mind.

To illustrate how real the question of size is, in Jerry's The Last Crusade the publisher had him remove what remains a sect that I had given Jerry. The publisher said it was to enable him to keep the price down. I had the inventories of all the FBI's field offices of the files they had on King. Comes to 402 pages! Only Inventories Field office only, not HQ. And never published. On publication it turned out that the real reason was to increase profits because the book is small, much smaller than can be sold at that price.

I hope you are not offended. Under ordinary circumstance what you did would have been fine, an improvement, but not for the reading of a lawyer who may get $500 an hour for his time and not for the reading of a publisher who usually first pays a reader to get the reader's opinion and winds up with cost concerns from size. He also thinks in terms of editing costs. Richard' field is publishing law and he has been a publisher.

If you will please be kind enough to make and mail these two copies I'll appreciate it very much, the one to Richard Priority the one to me book rate because there is no rush on that. Please just mail it without anything else in it to Richard. There is no telling who might see it and what I've been telling you about the negative possibilities is real. Please let me pay the costs.

I've been trying to evolve a decent title for the Posner/King ms but have

not come up wot hany I like. I ~~pal~~ plan to start reading the Humes ARRB deposition at the garage this morning. He did perjure himself and they let him get away with it, I am certain that the Members of the board, and they remained subject-matter ignoramuses, saw to that.

I knew the second executive director. He was here about the first of the year and he told me that they would be issuing their autopsy report in March and that I'd get a copy. But they issued no report at all. I published and they had the official receipt for those notes from Humes through his chain of commond and to Burkley. I also published Specter's questioning and Humes' response, that he held those notes in his hand when he was testifying. Specter identified the file in which they were as CD 371 and the exhibit as 387. They were in neither.

As the board staff also knew, the autopsy report has much, as I specified in Post Mortem, that is in no existing record. The only possible source for that data was the notes. Humes had to have had his notes after his burning to be able to cite them. That also would have been killed by the Members.

Add this to the impossibility of what people were led to expect with the board's creation, misled is closer, and more disenchantment, more disillusionment looms. Particularly bad for young people.

The extra fat copy will not go to waste. I'll give it to Hood for students who may be interested. And will be when Jerry teachers his assassination course again.

Many, many thanks and best wishes to you all,

Harold